



## Meeting Summary

### *Funding Committee*

10/01/2014

N.C. 911 Board Office

3514-A Bush St

Raleigh, NC

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Staff Present</u>	<u>Guest</u>
Jason Barbour, Chair	David Dodd	Tom/ Emergency Call Works
Len Hagaman, (phone)	Richard Bradford	
Laura Sykora	Richard Taylor	
Andrew Grant (phone)	Dave Corn	
Tonya Pearce	Marsha Tapler	
Wesley Reid (phone)	Tina Bone (phone)	
Tommy Cole (phone)		
David Bone (phone)		
<u>Members Absent</u>	<u>Staff Absent</u>	

Jason Barbour called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM. Richard Taylor called the roll.

First on the agenda was Lloyd Moskowitz from Gaston County, who is seeking funding for highway traffic cameras. He brought this to the attention of the full Board at the meeting at Sunset Beach, and was instructed to bring this matter to the Funding Committee. Lloyd provided a presentation on the value of the information received from DOT and other highway cameras. Lara Sykora asked several questions about Lloyd's idea. Tonya Pearce noted the City of Durham already has such a system in place. Tonya said they have a fiber feed directly from DOT in their center. Richard said DOT

cameras are all available through web connectivity. If a center has internet access, they should be able to see any DOT camera. Lloyd said there were not DOT cameras in Gaston County, all cameras there belong to the City of Gastonia. Lloyd is looking at this as limited access highways, where there are few identifying features to help locate a caller. Richard Bradford was asked if this could fit the Statute. He doesn't think there is enough information to answer the question. He is not sure if the infrastructure is there to support this in all areas, and how expensive it would be to install a delivery method other than web based delivery. Jason said he was concerned about limiting the definition to interstate highways. Many large cities, such as Guilford Metro, have access to numerous camera systems. Jason sees the issue as two-fold. There will be a request for the necessary hardware to view camera feeds. The second request would be to cover any associated costs with getting the camera feeds into the Communications Center. David Bone said the benefits of this idea would basically be limited to the large population areas. He is more interested in seeing a consistent level of service across the State. The Committee decided to take this issue under further advisement before making a decision.

The next item on the agency was a follow up discussion on Tonya's idea regarding school call from 911. This is an application that can be put on smart devices and the initial call can be rerouted to selected smart devices with information about the call. There is a presentation on this scheduled for October 31<sup>st</sup> at the next Board meeting. Tonya would like for the 911 Board take this on as a State wide project. (2013 School Safety Acts-H452/S589) Richard Bradford was asked if this would be eligible. He stated as long as the call comes in as a native 911 call, it gives the Board the opportunity to consider some degree of funding. What are the costs involved? Are they recurring costs? Who incurs the costs? Are there technical limitations on how many people can be on the system? What is the licensing structure? Richard Bradford said all students, teachers, and administrators at all public schools have unique IDs, so the user database is already there. What may be missing is the mobile numbers associated with these users. Tonya, Richard Taylor, and Richard Bradford will try to get together before the 911 Board meeting on October 31<sup>st</sup> and try to put together a list of questions regarding this service.

The next item is a follow up on the Hip Link paging request from Stokes County. All Del Hall wants is the licensing costs associated with this paging system to be deemed eligible. The former Hip Link representative did not want to separate costs. The current Hip Link rep says he can break the bill down any way the Board wants it done. Richard says the cost of the paging licenses have always been eligible, as long as these costs are broken out, there is no problem.

Next was a discussion on a new funding model. Richard provided a list of the complaints staff have heard. He also talked about lessons learned from local governments. The common thread is the annual financial reporting is the biggest complaint. The good news is the data collected from the annual financial reporting is very valuable information as we move toward the future. So the question is, where do we go in the future regarding funding? One option might be:

- create a master purchasing list for all 911 eligible equipment.
- PSAPs would be set up on a technology plan-refresh cycle, which would be staggered.
- PSAPs would choose their vendor from the Master Purchasing List
- Only approved items would be on the list
- The 911 Board would pay the vendor directly for the costs of the products.
- A small percentage of funds would be distributed annually to each PSAP to be used by the PSAP at their own discretion for any need that benefits the 911 system.

Tommy Cole thinks this might be a great idea. David Bone asked if there would still be a need for funding reconsiderations? Richard said there probably would not be a need for reconsiderations since all equipment would be refreshed on a regular basis. David also asked how the grant program would be affected? Richard said end of life equipment grants might go away, but consolidation and backup PSAP grants might still be in play. Implemental function costs could come from the annual discretionary funds to the PSAPs. Richard Taylor said he might like to enlist the assistance of the ECU School of Business to help analyze this idea. Andrew Grant asked if the percentage amount given to the PSAPs could be used immediately or can be saved for future needs that would not be subject to a carry-over limitation. Andrew also noted the resistance of some local people to having their decisions made for them. It would be more favorable if there were local input on how the RFPs are constructed. David Bone asked if the goal was to have something available to introduce to the Legislature in the coming session? Richard would like to have something available if possible, that might be able to hold over to the short session. Again, he thinks the ECU School of Business may be a good way to investigate in more detail. The Funding Committee is going to ponder this idea, consider modifications or alternatives to this idea, and discuss in more detail at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was concluded at 3:35 PM.